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I have read the settlement agreement, and find no remedy for Microsoft in that it has finally been acknowledged as a monopoly. In fact, it appears to me that it give Microsoft the green light to continue their practices. As specific as it is, they will bend their software and call it something else, so that it no longer sounds like that which is described. Witness the calling of Internet Explorer a part of the operating system. I have been in software for 18 years, and calling a browser a part of the operating system has no technical merit. It shows that those making the legal decisions do not understand the technology.

Walk into any Best Buy, or other electronic store, and see how many items are being offered for \$400 less if you sign up for MSN (Microsoft's Internet service). This must have cost them a fortune. What are they trying to buy? They don't need any more software market share. They are trying to buy Internet and make it impossible for others to play on an even playing field. Their .NET strategy is another example.

Please consider that there is a whole world of software out there beyond what comes with the Microsoft shrinkwrap on it. Competition is good, especially in software where things can change so rapidly. Please understand that Microsoft is a bully in the software marketplace and needs to be controlled.